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In re Application of :
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Application No.: 10/544,122 :
PCT No.: PCT/US03/38140 :
Int. Filing Date: 24 November 2003 :
Priority Date: 05 February 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: 6317P028PCT :
For: A METHOD FOR MEASURING AND :
REDUCING ANGULAR DEVIATIONS :
OF A CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM :

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on 08 September 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 24 November 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/US03/38140 which claimed a priority date of 05 February 2003. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the deadline for payment of the basic national fee in the United States was to expire 30 months from the priority date, 05 August 2005.

On 01 August 2005, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter for entry into the national stage accompanied, *inter alia*, by: the requisite basic national fee; a copy of the international application; and a preliminary amendment.

On 23 January 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) along with a surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date was required. The notification set a two (2) month period for response.

On 08 September 2006, applicants filed "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, (2) the petition fee required by law, (3) a statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional," and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c). Applicants have satisfied Items (2)-(4).

With regard to Item (1), the proper response is the submission of the declaration of the inventors which complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). A review of the declaration filed on 08 September 2006 reveals that the declaration is not in an acceptable form. Applicants have provided a defective executed composite declaration. Section 201.03(II)(B) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states, in part,

While each inventor need not execute the same oath or declaration, each oath or declaration executed by an inventor must contain a complete listing of all inventors so as to clearly indicate what each inventor believes to be the appropriate inventive entity. Where individual declarations are executed, they must be submitted as individual declaration rather than combined into one declaration.

A composite declaration under 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) requires that the declaration must be complete and identify each inventor in each set of declarations provided. The composite declaration is defective because it contains multiple duplicate sheets (see page 3). This suggests that the enclosed declaration was constructed from numerous complete declarations or that the inventors forwarded to counsel only the signature pages of the declaration. Either alternative renders the submitted declaration defective under 37 CFR 1.497. While each inventor need not execute the same oath or declaration, where individual declarations are executed, they must be submitted as individual declarations rather than combined into one declaration. (See MPEP 201.03 B. Oath or Declaration.)

Since applicants have not met the requirements for revival of an application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), revival at this time would not be proper.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is DISMISSED without prejudice and the application remains **ABANDONED**.

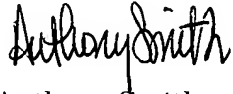
If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, an appropriate response to this decision must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450,

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "S".

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